



North Gate Community Center and Park

PAT Meeting #1

September 15, 2003

Notes

PAT Members Present: Sue Geving, Jeanne Hayden, Frank Lufkin, Velva Maye, Barbara Maxwell, Michelle Rupp, and Joel Tufel

PAT Members Not Present: Marilyn Firlotte and Shawn Olsen

Audience Present: Jan Brucker

Staff Present: Erin Devoto, Director of Planning & Development Division for Parks; Maureen A. O'Neill, NE Parks Manager, Claudia McCain, Seattle Public Library staff, and Tim Motzer Parks Project Manager

Introductions

- Tim Motzer introduced himself and other Parks staff including Erin Devoto, Claudia McCain and Maureen O'Neill.
- The seven members of the PAT introduced themselves, explained who they represented and their interest in the project.
- Visitor Jan Bucker was in attendance as a non-PAT member, representing Licton Springs. She indicated that her plan was to attend the PAT meetings
- Tim Motzer indicated that notes of the meeting would be kept to document ideas, concerns, issues and revisions identified by the PAT to be passed onto the designer.

Roles and Responsibilities of the PAT

- Tim Motzer reviewed the two hand outs, providing information regarding PAT members roles, responsibilities, parameters, lines of communication and ground rules. Tim Motzer emphasized that the approved design programs for the community center and park, the overall schedule and the project budgets are set. Tim indicated that he and Maureen would be responsible for passing on the concerns, ideas, and recommendations to the designer for consideration. Tim indicated that the time for input and feedback related to the design of the project was during schematic and design development design phases. Tim also indicated that the PAT's review was limited to the Community Center (CC) and the Park. The only circumstance for PAT comments related to the Library would be if there was a conflict between the library and the CC and or Park.

- Concerns were expressed by Joel Tufel and Jan Brucker that there was no representation on the PAT from those who could represent school-aged children or ethnic diversity, which they said would reflect the census tract data for Northgate. Maureen acknowledged the concern and indicated that additional PAT members would be appointed to represent these two groups. (This has been accomplished since the first meeting.)
- Jan asked why representatives from designer Miller/Hull were not present. Erin Devoto responded that Parks would be selective as to when the designer would attend since those meetings would be additional costs. Tim indicated that the designer would attend when they were prepared to provide “feedback” to the PAT on issues, options and/or revisions identified by the PAT.
- Joel asked if the designer was going to provide a model of the project. Tim indicated that the contract with the designer included a model.
- Tim reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings and plans review. He mentioned that the 60% schematic drawing would be available on 9/22/03; the 100% schematic drawings would be available on 10/23/03, and the schematic public meeting on 11/05/03. Tim asked if the PAT wanted to review the 60% schematic drawings and the answer was yes. Tim asked what day of the week worked best to meet and there was a general consensus that Monday nights worked well. Tim identified a number of meeting dates which include 9/22/03, 9/29/03, 10/27/03, and 11/24/03. Tim indicated that the same type of plans would be generated at design development sometime in January and February 2004. Tim indicated that he would provide the PAT with a schedule that had key dates for reviews and meetings for the next meeting for their consideration for identifying future meetings.

Design Programs

- Tim reviewed the design programs for each project pointing out that the key scoping elements for the community center was on pages 13 through 17 with emphasis on the chart which identified the specific uses making up the 20,000 square foot building. The main uses for the CC include the following: gym, kitchen, multi-purpose room, entry/lounge/reception area; arts and crafts room; fitness room; game room; teen room; child-care room; restrooms; offices; and storage. The main uses identified for the park on pages 11 to 13 which, includes a 20,000 square foot multi-purpose space, play area, loop path, connection to

Thornton Creek, plaza, courtyard for the multi-purpose room, landscaped areas and park amenities. The schedule for both projects is the same with schematic design being done in October, Design Development in February 2004, Construction documents in August of 2004, bidding between August and October 2004, start of construction in October 2004 with completion in December 2005. The budgets for the two projects include \$6,186,000 for the CC (\$131,000 for planning, \$970,000 for design, and \$5,085,000 for construction) and \$1,030,000 for the park (\$12,000 for planning, \$178,000 for design and \$841,000 for construction).

- Jan asked if the CC was designed to be increased in size at a later date. Erin indicated that the CC was being design based upon the current funds available which allows for a 20,000 square foot center.
- The PAT asked if the plans for the Yesler CC project could be available for review. Tim indicated that he would see if plans could be provided.
- The Committee asked if they could review the program for the Library.
- Maureen asked if the PAT members would be interested in a tour of existing CC. There was interest and a decision to do a tour the evening of 9/18/03.

Schedule and Project Status

- Tim distributed the siting design package presented to the Design Commission at their July 17, 2003 meeting along with the minutes of the meeting. Tim reviewed the plan, noting the changes related to configuration and size of the parking lot and moving the library and CC buildings north to provide more space for the Park. Tim also reviewed the status of the 5th Avenue Streetscape project and the street development requirements along 105th.
- Tim distributed copies of the 5th Avenue design plan and the background information for Nikki McClure, the artist selected for the project.
- Pat members indicated an interest in meeting the artist.
- There was agreement that the PAT would meet on 9/22/03 to provide feedback regarding the design programs, the sitting plan and the comments raised by the Design Commission.

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